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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 7, 8 and 15-17 have been objected to because of informalities. Regarding claim 7, the Official Action states that "source of luminescence" does not have proper antecedent basis. Applicants respectfully disagree. The phrase appears in claim 1. The Official Action also notes that the phrase "plurality of light sources" does not have proper antecedent basis in claim 15. Applicants agree and have amended claim 15 appropriately.

Claims 1-6 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 01-122501. Claims 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 01-122501 in view of Davenport (U.S. Patent No. 5,526,237). Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 01-122501 in view of Tiao (U.S. Patent No. 6,547,422). Claims 13, 14 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 01-122501 in view of Tiao. Claims 7, 8 and 15-17, however, are indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form. Accordingly, claims 7, 8 and 15 have been rewritten into independent form. Claims 1, 2, 11 and 18 have been cancelled. The remaining claims, as appropriate, have been amended to depend from the claims which are newly independent.

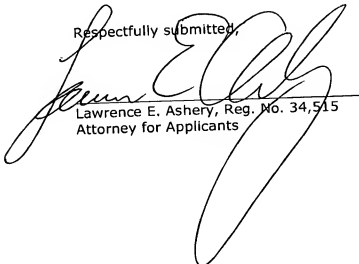
In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-

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identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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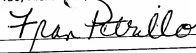
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